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PRODUCING THE SAME, METHOD OF TRAPPING METAL ION WITH  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), enclosed please find a copy of the English Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report.

The Japanese language version of the International Preliminary Examination Report was previously filed with the application on August 27, 2001. It is believed that the prior art cited in the PCT application has been transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau. If the Examiner did not receive copies of these references, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned so that additional copies may be supplied.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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